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"Kooky" terrorist threats made against L.A. Games, official says

Law enforcement agencies have already received terrorist threats against the Summer Olympics, but none that are considered credible, the chairman of the U.S. Senate subcommittee on terrorism disclosed.

"They're kookie threats," said U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton, who announced plans Saturday to hold a closed door subcommittee hearing in Los Angeles April 13. The session will be a follow-up to similar hearings in Washington in September.

Denton refused to discuss the threats in detail.

"The fact is, just about anyone in a public position, including movie stars, receive threats," he said.

Denton said the closed-door meetings last September, which included representatives of the White House, CIA, Pentagon, FBI and Los Angeles-area police departments, were "chaotic."

"People were at each others' throats," he said.

Denton said, however, he expects the FBI and Los Angeles police to resolve within a month their long-simmering dispute over which agency will have jurisdiction in the event of a terrorist attack at the Games.

Denton said he believes the FBI should be the lead agency, "but if something horrible is about to take place, even if the FBI has jurisdiction, the person there should handle it."

An LAPD spokesman said Friday he expects the department will resolve the dispute at a Washington meeting Tuesday between Police Chief Daryl Gates and FBI Director William Webster.

Denton said other law enforcement agencies appear to have resolved their differences over the coordination and dissemination of intelligence information.

An integrated threat analysis group has been established "and seems to have an excellent handle on what they are trying to do," he said.

Los Angeles police officials said they will mount "the largest police presence" in the city's history during the July 28-Aug. 12 Games. Thousands of officers, deputies and private security officers will be involved.

In addition to local police, there will be a federal security force assembled at an estimated cost of \$55 million, including agents of the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and a dozen other agencies. Another \$17 million is being held in reserve and would be spent if the military were called in to cope with a major outbreak of violence.

More than 700 FBI agents will be stationed in the area and more than 600 Secret Service agents and support personnel will assist in guarding President Reagan and as many as 30 heads of state.

"It's safe to say that nobody would be watching the budget too closely if major trouble did arise," Joe Wright, an OMB official, said.